

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-279-T - ORDER NO. 2005-543
OCTOBER 4, 2005

IN RE: Application of Luis Felipe Denis d/b/a Denis)	ORDER GRANTING
Transportation Company, 102 Ashton Hill)	REQUEST FOR
Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29229)	HEARING AND
(District 2) for a Class C Certificate of Public)	SCHEDULING HEARING
Convenience and Necessity.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of the Motion of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) for the Commission to hold a Formal Hearing regarding the Application of Luis Felipe Denis d/b/a Denis Transportation Company (Denis Transportation) for a Class C Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. ORS's Motion was filed with the Commission on September 21, 2005. As set forth in S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-10(B), the ORS is considered a party of record in all proceedings before the Commission.

In reviewing the filing of Denis Transportation, the ORS advises that it has concluded that the Application raises several questions which would best be addressed by the Commission. According to ORS, the issue of greatest concern specifically relates to the Company's indication that it wishes to utilize the self-insurance of Checker Yellow Cab, Inc., a separate entity. ORS states that in previous instances, applicants applying for individual authority obtained insurance through a private insurer and that the utilization of self-insurance in the present matter is a novel issue which has not been ruled upon by

the Commission. ORS asserts its belief that this manner of certification of taxi drivers may become prevalent should the Commission grant this type of operation. Due to the uncertainty as to the legality of the present application, ORS believes that the appropriate forum in which to discuss the details and any resulting problems is in a formal hearing before the Commission.

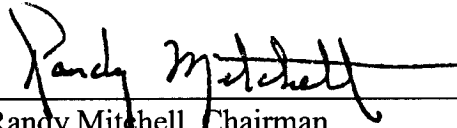
Based upon the assertions presented by ORS in its Motion, the Commission finds it necessary to institute a formal proceeding and schedule a hearing in this matter to address the Application of Denis Transportation, and therefore, grants the following.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:


1. The Motion of the Office of Regulatory Staff for a formal hearing is granted.
2. A formal hearing shall be held before the Commission on **January 11, 2006, at 10:30 a.m.** in the Commission's offices at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina to address the Application of Luis Felipe Denis d/b/a Denis Transportation Company.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:


G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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